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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed on September 23, 2008 regarding the above-referenced patent application.

The Examiner has required restriction of the claims in the present application to the following group of claims: Group I (Claims 1-22) and Group II (Claims 23-25).

Without addressing the propriety of the Examiner's restriction, Applicants elect Group 1 including claims 1-22.

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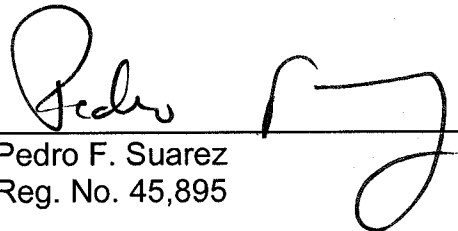
Applicant reserves the right to prosecute claims which are equal to or broader in scope in this or future applications related to the above-identified patent application.

If there are any questions regarding this election, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at the telephone number provided below.

No fee is believed to be due, however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 36707-501.

Respectfully submitted,

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